B. NON-SCHEDULED/AIR TAXI OPERATORS

1. Ace Airways Pvt. Ltd. (Formerly Delhi Gulf Airways)
2. Aerial Services Pvt. Ltd.
3. Blue Dart Aviation Ltd.
4. Eastern Airways Ltd.
5. East India Hotels Ltd.
6. Elbee Airlines
7. Gujarat Airways Ltd.
8. India International Airways
9. Jagson Airlines
10. K C V Airways Ltd.
11. Megapode Airlines
12. Mesco Airlines
13. Raymonds Ltd.
14. Saraya Aviation
15. Span Air pvt. Ltd.
16. Span Aviation (I) Ltd.
17. Tata Tea Ltd.
18. Trans Bharat Avaition
19. U.B. Air
20. Udan Academy
21. U P Air Services
22. VIF Airways

Basic amenities for handicapped and aged persons at all airports of Maharashtra

1402. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheel chairs, ambulance, stretcher, first aid boxes and special toilets have been provided for the handicapped and aged air passengers in all the airports of Maharashtra particularly at Mumbai and Nagpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) steps Gvoernment propose to take to make these amenities available in all the airports of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Duty Managers at the a ports render assistance wherever necessary. At each airport, wheel chairs, ambulance, stretcher, first aid boxes are available. Special toilets for handicapped have been provided at Mumbai and Nagpur airports.

(c) Such improvements can be considered whenever the existing terminal buildings are modified.

Integrated Cargo Terminal at Nagpur Airport

1403. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Integrated Cargo Terminal has been provided at Nagpur Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Terminal has been completed and has started functioning;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the Terminal will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) An Integrated International and National Cargo and Courier Terminal has been completed at Nagpur Airport by modifying the old passenger terminal, for handling both interational and domestic cargo. It also provides office accommodation for concerned agencies. The Terminal Will be commissioned after the Commissioner (Customs), Nagpur notifies, (i) the terminal as Customs area; and (ii) the Airports Authority of India as Custodian of Cargo.

(e) The terminal is expected to be commissioned by 30th September, 1997.

Regularisation of contract workers by AAI

1404. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hon'ble Supreme Court while upholding a judgment passed by the Bombay High Court has directed the Airport Authority of India to regularise all contract workers

engaged in permanent or perennial nature of jobs in airports;

(b) if so, whether the Airport Authority has implemented the order of the apex court; and

(c) whether it is a fact that despite the court direction workers working as loaders at Indira Gandhi International Airport for more than 10 years under contractors are to be regularised yet and contract system is still allowed to be perpetuated?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 6-12-1996 has upheld the notification of 1976 which stipulates that the work of cleaning, sweeping, dusting, watch and ward has to be done by regular employees and not by contract labour. Such workers are required to be regularised either from the date of the judgemnt of the Supreme Court or from the date of the judgement of the High Court, as the case may be. Airports Authority of India is paying the workers directly and the regularisation of the personnel is in progress.

(c) The Supreme Court order relates to the cleaning, sweeping, dusting and watch and ward workers only and the loaders are not covered by the said judgement.

Proposal to open 'Ticket Counter' for Airlines at Nagercoil in Tamil Nadu

1405. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open 'Ticket Counter' for Airlines at Nagercoil in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open a 'Ticket Counter' for Indian Airlines in the Vicinity of Madras High Court; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Mid-air collision of aircrafts

1406. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Gulf Air Boeing (B-767) and Romanian Airlines Airbus (A-310) narrowly averted a mid-air collision on Sunday, the 22nd June, 1997 when they were 40 nautical miles from Delhi.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons theefor;

(c) the number of mid-Air Collision have been averted during the last four months; and

(d) whether any enquiry has been conducted to fix the responsibility on the negligent officers in such cases and if so the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Gulf Air Boeing -767 aircraft while operating a flight from Delhi to Muscat and Romanian Airbus A-310 aircraft while operating a flight from Bucharest to Delhi on 22nd June, 1997 were on the same radial. The Radar Controller at the Delhi Airport instructed the Romaian flight to descend to 17,000 feets. The Gulf Air flight was instructed to climb to 22, 000 feet. This resulted in a air-miss incident between the two aircraft at 40 nautical miles from Delhi.

(c) Two possible mid-air collisions have been averted during the period.

(d) Yes Sir. After enquiry the Air Traffic Controllers involved in both the incidents have been withdrawan from ATC duties. Airports Authority of India has also subjected them to corrective training and Board Assessment.

Shortage of Air Traffic Controllers at most of the airports in the country

1407. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of Air Traffic Controllers (ATCs) at most of the airports in the country;